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MINUTES, &c.

Question 1.

WHAT Preachers are *admitted* this year?
Answer.

Richard Phillips,
Michael Burrows,
James Olliffe,

William Armstrong,
and
John Rutledge.

Q. 2. Who remain on trial?

A. James Knowlan, William Copeland,
William Keys, and
Samuel Kyle, King Barton.
John C. Irvine,
These have travelled three years.

Chas. M'Cormick, John Wiggins,
Samuel Harper, and
William Ellis, John Toland.
These have travelled two years.

John Waugh, James Johnson,
William Gilcrist, Samuel M'Dowell,
Thomas Waugh, Robert Carson,
James Lynch, and
James C. Pratt, Richard Price.
Samuel Downing,
These have travelled one year.

Q. 3. Who are *admitted on trial*?

A. William Rutledge, and George Erskine.

Q. 4. Are there any objections to any of our Preachers ?

A. They were examined one by one.

Q. 5. Who has *desisted* ?

A. William Thompson.

Q. 6. Who has *died* this year ?

A. *William Harrison* : a man of very acceptable abilities as a Preacher. A sound judgment, integrity, and zeal for the cause of God, were distinguishing traits in his character. His ministry was considerably blessed to the conversion of souls, particularly towards the close of his life. After he had travelled near seven years, he was seized with a fever, of which he died, departing this life happy in God.

Q. 7. How are the Preachers stationed this year ?

A. As follows :—

FIRST, THE DUBLIN DISTRICT.

1. *Dublin*, Samuel Wood, Samuel Steele, Michael Burrows: John Kerr, Book-steward; Andrew Hamilton, Jun. Editor.
2. *Longford*, George Stephenson, John Wilson, Sen.
3. *Drogheda*, William McCornock, William Crook.
4. *Oldcastle*, John Rogers, Sam. Downing: John Stephenson, Super.

Samuel Steele, Chairman of the District.

SECONDLY, THE WATERFORD DISTRICT.

5. *Waterford*, William Ferguson, William Stewart.

6. *Carlow*, David Waugh, Robt. Bailey.

7. *Newtown-Barry*, John Wilson, Jun. John Clendinnen.

8. *Wicklow*, James Carter, Thos. Waugh;
George Mahon, Super.

William Ferguson, Chairman of the District.

THIRDLY, THE CORK DISTRICT.

9. *Cork*, John Stuart, Dan. M'Mullen.

10. *Bandon*, William Smith, Mat. Joyce.

11. *Skibbereen*, John Hadden.

12. *Miltown*, Samuel Harper.

13. *Mallow*, Charles Graham, Andrew Hamilton, Sen.

William Smith, Chairman of the District.

FOURTHLY, THE LIMERICK DISTRICT.

14. *Limerick*, John Grace, Wm. Copeland.

15. *Roscrea*, Robert Crozier, James M'Kee.

16. *Clough-Jordan*, Thomas Loughheed, Charles M'Cormick.

17. *Mountrath*, Gustavus Armstrong, Adam Averell, Michael Murphy.

Adam Averell, Chairman of the District.

FIFTHLY, THE ATHLONE DISTRICT.

18. *Athlone*, Blakely Dowling, Zachariah Worrell.

19. *Castlebar*, Francis Russell, John Clegg.

20. *Ballina*, Robt. Strong, Geo. M'Elwain.

21. *Sligo*, David Campbell, Wm. Peacock.

22. *Boyle*, Richard Phillips, John C. Irvine, William Gilcriest.

Francis Russell, Chairman of the District.

SIXTHLY, THE CLONES DISTRICT.

23. *Clones*, Robt. Banks, Jas. M'Cutcheon :
John Bredin, Supernumerary.
24. *Ballyconnell*, James Smith, James M'Quige.
25. *Cavan*, Archibald Murdoch, James
Sterling.
26. *Monaghan*, Henry Deery, John Waugh :
Thomas Barbor, Super.

Robert Banks, Chairman of the District.

SEVENTHLY, THE ENNISKILLEN DISTRICT.

27. *Enniskillen*, Alexander Sturgeon, William
Douglas.
28. *Manorhamilton*, James Stewart, Sam. Kyle.
29. *Ballyshannon*, Francis Armstrong, James
Jordan.
30. *Pettigoe*. Joseph Armstrong, King Barton.
31. *Ballinanzallard*, Jas. Irwin, Castor Clements.
32. *Brookborough*, Thomas Ridgeway, Thomas
Edwards.

Thomas Ridgeway, Chairman of the District.

EIGHTHLY, THE LONDONDERRY DISTRICT.

33. *Londonderry*, Charles Mayne, Thomas Johnson ; George Erskine, Missionary, who is allowed 10% (British money,) only, out of the Missionary Fund, towards all the expenses of this Mission.

N. B. Brother Mayne and Brother Johnson are each to visit *Innisbowen* once in each half year, during which times the Missionary is to labour in the country parts of the Londonderry Circuit.

34. *Newtown-Stewart*, John M'Arthur, William Foote.

35. *Ramelton*, Charles M'Cord, Robt. Carson.
Thos. Johnston, Chairman of the District.

NINTHLY, THE BELFAST DISTRICT.

36. *Belfast*, Matthew Tobias, Sam. Alcorn.
 37. *Carrickfergus*, Thomas W. Doolittle, James
 Lynch.
 38. *Coleraine*, Matthew Stuart, Wm. Kidd :
 George Brown, Super.
 39. *Lisburn*, John Dinnen, Jas. C. Pratt.
 40. *Downpatrick*, Jas. Rutledge, Geo. Hansbrow.
Matthew Tobias, Chairman of the District.

TENTHLY, THE NEWRY DISTRICT.

41. *Newry*, Thomas Brown, John Howe.
 42. *Dungannon*, Daniel Pedlow, William Arm-
 strong.
 43. *Cookstown*, James M'Kown, John Nesbitt.
 44. *Charlemont*, Matthew Lanktree, Archibald
 Campbell, Richard Price.
 45. *Lurgan*, Robert Smith, William Keys.
 46. *Tanderagee*, Alexander Moore, John Foster.
James M'Kown, Chairman of the District.

IRISH MISSIONARIES.

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|-----------------------------|---|-------------------|
| 1. <i>The Cork District</i> | } | James Bell, |
| <i>Mission.</i> | | Andrew Taylor. |
| 2. <i>The Galway Mis-</i> | } | Gideon Ousley, |
| <i>sion.</i> | | William Rutledge, |
| 3. <i>The Donegal and</i> | } | James Olliffe, |
| <i>Tyrone Mission.</i> | | James Johnston. |
| 4. <i>The Newtownlimi-</i> | } | John Hamilton, |
| <i>vaddy Mission.</i> | | John Nelson. |
| 5. <i>The Belfast Dis-</i> | } | Thomas Kerr, |
| <i>trict Mission</i> | | John M'Adam. |
| 6. <i>The Newry Dis-</i> | } | William Hamilton, |
| <i>trict Mission.</i> | | Edward Heazleton, |

Q. 8. How many Wives are to be provided for ?

A. Sixty-one—viz.

Sister Wood,
Steele,
(J.) Kerr,
(A.) Hamilton, jun.
Stephenfon,
M'Cornock,
Ferguson,
(Wm.) Stewart,
Waugh,
Bailey,
Clendinnen,
Carter,
(J.) Stuart,
M'Mullen,
(Wm.) Smith,
Hadden,
Graham,
(A.) Hamilton, sen.
Grace,
Crozier,
Lougheed,
Murphy,
Dowling,
Worrell,
Ruffell,
Clegg,
Strong,
Peacock,
Banks,
(Jas.) Smith,
M'Quige,

Sister Sterling,
Deery,
Sturgeon,
Douglas,
(Jas.) Stuart,
Irwin,
(Jos.) Armstrong,
Ridgeway,
Edwards,
Mayne,
Johnston,
M'Arthur,
Jordan,
Tobias,
Alcorn,
Doolittle,
(Matt.) Stuart,
Dinnen,
Rutledge,
Hansbrow,
Brown,
Howe,
Pedlow,
M'Kown,
Nesbitt,
Lanktree,
(A.) Campbell,
(Robt.) Smith,
Moore,
Foster.

Q. 9. How are these to be provided for ?

A. Partly by the Circuits, and partly by the Book-room.

2. 10. What are the Subscriptions of the Circuits towards the support of the Wives ?

A. As follows :—

British Money.

			£.	s.	d.
Dublin,	-	-	24	0	0
Longford,	-	-	20	0	0
Drogheda,	-	-	12	0	0
Oldcastle	-	-	7	0	0
Waterford	{	City,	7	0	0
		Country,	7	0	0
Carlow,	-	-	17	0	0
Newtown-Barry,	-	-	8	0	0
Wicklow,	-	-	6	0	0
Cork,	-	-	24	0	0
Bandon,	{	Town,	9	0	0
		Country,	5	0	0
Skibbereen,	-	-	8	0	0
Miltown,	-	-	5	0	0
Mallow,	-	-	4	0	0
Limerick	{	City,	8	0	0
		Country,	12	0	0
Roscrea	{	Town,	3	0	0
		Country,	5	0	0
Clough-Jordan,	-	-	12	0	0
Mountrath,	-	-	16	0	0
Athlone,	-	-	22	0	0
Castlebar,	-	-	16	0	0
Ballina,	-	-	2	0	0
Sligo,	-	-	8	0	0
Boyle,	-	-	8	0	0
Clones,	-	-	27	0	0
Ballyconnell,	-	-	15	0	0
Cavan,	-	-	22	0	0
Monaghan,	-	-	14	0	0
Enniskillen,	-	-	16	0	0
Manorhamilton,	-	-	15	0	0

Carried over £. 384 0 0

			£.	s.	d.
	Brought forward,		384	0	0
Ballinamallard,	-	-	14	0	0
Pettigoe,	-	-	14	0	0
Brookborough,	-	-	20	0	0
Londonderry,	{ City,	-	4	0	0
	{ Country,	-	4	0	0
Newtown-Stewart,	-	-	19	0	0
Ballyshannon,	-	-	10	0	0
Ramelton,	-	-	6	0	0
Belfast,	-	-	10	0	0
Carrickfergus,	-	-	10	0	0
Coleraine,	{ Town,	-	6	0	0
	{ Country,	-	10	0	0
Lisburn,	-	-	18	0	0
Downpatrick,	-	-	10	0	0
Newry,	-	-	12	0	0
Dungannon,	-	-	17	0	0
Cookstown,	-	-	8	0	0
Charlemont,	-	-	26	0	0
Lurgan,	-	-	20	0	0
Tanderagee,	-	-	20	0	0
In all,			£. 642	0	0

Q. 11. What are the numbers in Society ?

A. As follows :

1 Dublin,	1086	33 Ballyshannon,	562
2 Longford,	376	34 Ramelton,	540
3 Drogheda,	435	35 Innishowen,	108
4 Oldcastle,	500	36 Belfast,	850
5 Waterford,	263	37 Coleraine,	616
6 Carlow,	320	38 Lisburn,	800
7 Newtownbarry,	333	39 Downpatrick,	545
8 Wicklow,	250	40 Newry,	389
9 Cork,	586	41 Dungannon,	778
10 Bandon,	400	42 Cookstown,	580
11 Skibbereen,	290	43 Charlemont,	835
12 Miltown,	244	44 Lurgan,	860
13 Mallow,	190	45 Tanderagee,	832
14 Limerick,	366	46 The Cork	} 92
15 Roscrea,	204	District Mis-	
16 Clough-Jordan,	240	sion,	} 77
17 Mountrath,	464	47 The Galway	
18 Athlone,	400	Mission,	} 202
19 Castlebar,	400	48 The Donegal	
20 Ballina,	294	and Tyrone	} 365
21 Sligo,	496	Mission,	
22 Boyle,	520	49 The London-	} 140
23 Clones,	909	derry & Cole-	
24 Ballyconnell,	578	raine Mission,	} 140
25 Cavan,	808	50 The Belfast	
26 Monaghan,	664	and Newry	} 140
27 Enniskillen,	1071	Districts' Mis-	
28 Manorhamilton,	610	sion,	} 140
29 Ballinamallard,	1150		
30 Brookborough,	1002		} 140
31 Londonderry,	365		
32 Newtn-Stewart,	850		} 140
		In all,	25,835

Q. 12. What is the Education Collection ?

A. £. 362. 17s. 8d.

Q. 13. What is allowed for the Preachers' Children?

A. £. 384 6s. 8d. N.B. The deficiency was made up out of the produce of the Book-room.

Q. 14. What is contributed to the Preachers' Fund?

A. 1. By the public collection, and by subscriptions received from the members of our Society, and from other Friends,

£.	s.	d.
273	4	4

2. By the subscriptions of the Preachers,

-	-	-	103	19	0
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In all, £. 377 3 4

Q. 15. What has been allowed out of it?

British Money.

	£.	s.	d.
A. To John Bredin,	-	12	0 0
William Armstrong	-	25	4 0
John Malcomson,	-	25	4 0
John Stevenson,	-	25	4 0
Samuel Moorhead,	-	25	4 0
Alice Gordon,	-	25	4 0
Alice Anderson,	-	25	4 0
Ann Darragh,	-	25	4 0
Eliza Wilfon,	-	25	4 0
Mary Harrifon,	-	25	4 0
James Rennick,	-	31	10 0
John Price,	-	31	10 0
Thomas Barbor,	-	31	10 0
George Brown,	-	31	10 0

In all, £. 364 16 0

Q. 16. What has been contributed for the yearly expenses?

A. £. 727 16s. 8d.

Q. 18. How was it expended?

A. In supplying the deficiencies of the salaries of the Preachers, and of Preachers' families, and for Preachers' lodgings, and other necessary contingencies.

Q. 19. As the Yearly Collection was not nearly sufficient to answer the calls mentioned in the preceding minute, how was the deficiency supplied?

A. Out of the produce of the Book-room.

Q. 20. What Preachers are on the list of reserve?

A. 1. George Burrows, of the Sligo Circuit.

2. James Stuart, of the Londonderry Circuit.

3. Edward Johnston, of the Ramelton Circuit.

4. William Reilly, of the Cookstown Circuit.

5. Arthur Noble, of the Newtown-Stewart Circuit.

6. James Killen, of the Ballyshannon Circuit.

Q. 21. Who are the Book Committee?

A. Thomas Coke,
William Smith,
Adam Averell,
Andrew Hamilton, Jun.
Matthew Tobias,
William Ferguson, and
Samuel Wood.

Q. 22. What directions shall be given concerning the time of holding the Conference?

A. 1. The Conference in future, shall begin on a Thursday.

2. The Representatives of the Districts shall meet on the day preceding, at six o'clock in the morning.

Q. 23. What Preaching-houses are to be built this year ?

A. One at Longford, Newtown-Barry, Crossmalina in the Ballina Circuit, Clanmain in the Charlemont Circuit, and Derry-Anvill in the Tanderagee Circuit.

Q. 24. What Collections and Subscriptions are to be raised for the building and repairing of Preaching-houses ?

A. 1. Brother George Stephenson is to raise Collections and Subscriptions in the Dublin and Athlone Districts (the City of Dublin excepted), and in the Clones and Ballyconnell Circuits, for the Longford Preaching-house.

2. Brother John Wilson, Jun. is to raise Collections and Subscriptions in the Wicklow and Carlow Circuits, for the Newtown-Barry Preaching-house.

3. Brother Lanktree and Brother Heathers are to raise Collections and Subscriptions on the Charlemont and Dungannon Circuits, for the Moy Preaching-house.

4. Brother Moore and Brother Foster are to raise Collections and Subscriptions on the Monaghan, Lurgan and Tanderagee Circuits, for the Portadown Preaching-house.

Q. 25. When and where shall our next Conference be held ?

A. In Dublin, on the first Thursday in July, 1810.

T. COKE, President.

C. MAYNE, Secretary.

An ACCOUNT of all our General Collections and Subscriptions.

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CIRCUITS.				Yearly Collection.			Education Collection.			Preachers' Fund.			Missionary Collection.			
				£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.	British.			£.	s.	d.	
Dublin,	-	-	-	139	2	6	52	2	6	60	0	0	30	6	6	
Longford,	-	-	-	12	0	6	9	0	0	5	11	6	5	0	0	
Drogheda,	-	-	-	17	5	6	11	9	6	11	1	0	6	3	0	
Oldcastle,	-	-	-	6	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	0	2	0	0	
Waterford,	-	-	-	14	4	0	14	10	0	5	14	0	6	3	9	
Carlow,	-	-	-	9	9	6	7	16	0	5	0	0	14	2	0	
Newtown-Barry,	-	-	-	14	0	0	9	11	6	6	4	0	4	4	4	
Wicklow,	-	-	-	9	0	0	5	1	6	4	4	6	5	6	0	
Cork,	-	-	-	72	10	6	24	2	0	21	15	6	12	18	6	
Bandon,	-	-	-	14	6	0	14	8	0	8	8	0	8	2	6	
Skibbereen,	-	-	-	7	13	6	4	1	0	4	10	0	1	18	0	
Miltown,	-	-	-	5	1	10	3	10	6		18	6	1	4	0	
Mallow,	-	-	-	15	16	0	8	6	2	9	8	0	6	0	9	
Carried over				£.	336	9	10	166	18	8	145	15	0	103	9	4

CIRCUITS.				Yearly Collection.			Education Collection.			Preachers' Fund.			Missionary Collection.		
				£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.	British.			£.	s.	d.
Brought forward,				336	9	10	166	18	8	145	15	0	103	9	4
Limerick,	-	-	-	18	0	0	16	5	0	7	16	6	8	6	10
Roscrea,	-	-	-	9	10	0	7	0	0	5	1	0	4	11	0
Clough-Jordan,	-	-	-	9	13	0	7	16	6	7	1	0	4	0	6
Mountrath,	-	-	-	17	5	0	6	15	0	7	5	0	5	3	0
Athlone,	-	-	-	25	1	6	14	3	6	10	14	0	7	0	0
Castlebar,	-	-	-	18	4	6	9	2	0	4	4	0	6	6	6
Ballina,	-	-	-	1	16	0	0	11	6	1	16	6	1	1	2
Sligo,	-	-	-	9	6	6	4	2	6	3	3	0	3	5	0
Boyle,	-	-	-	8	2	0	4	10	0	9	13	10	6	0	0
Clones,	-	-	-	10	11	6	6	11	0	5	5	0	8	10	0
Ballyconnell,	-	-	-	10	0	0	3	15	0	2	11	6	1	11	3
Cavan,	-	-	-	5	6	6	3	0	0	1	15	0	5	8	0
Monaghan,	-	-	-	10	2	0	5	11	0	2	2	0	2	14	9
Enniskillen,	-	-	-	8	11	6	4	3	6	1	16	6	4	16	0
Manor Hamilton,	-	-	-	8	4	0	3	2	6	3	10	0	3	0	0
Ballinamallard,	-	-	-	9	7	2	4	1	6	3	3	6	1	11	4
Brookborough,	-	-	-	4	2	0	2	3	0	2	1	0	0	18	0

Londonderry,	-	-	-	13	10	0	18	0	0	3	3	0	2	11	0
Newtown-Stewart,	-	-	-	7	1	6	5	3	0	2	14	0	1	10	6
Ballyshannon,	-	-	-	6	10	0	2	0	6	2	11	0	1	11	0
Ramelton,	-	-	-	3	2	6	2	1	2	1	11	6		16	6
Innishowen,	-	-	-	2	16	6		0	0				1	0	0
Belfast,	-	-	-	11	1	6	10	4	0	6	11	0	8	14	0
Coleraine,	-	-	-	9	18	0	6	8	6	4	0	0	3	0	0
Lisburn,	-	-	-	7	10	0	7	8	0	5	1	0		18	5
Downpatrick,	-	-	-	7	5	0	5	0	0	2	5	0	4	10	0
Newry,	-	-	-	8	12	6	7	6	6	5	4	6	5	1	6
Dungannon,	-	-	-	9	14	0	4	10	6	3	0	0	3	0	0
Cookstown,	-	-	-	8	2	0	4	6	0	3	3	0	2	0	0
Charlemont,	-	-	-	9	0	0	5	0	0	3	0	0	9	0	0
Lurgan,	-	-	-	10	15	0	6	9	0	4	4	0	2	10	0
Tanderagee,	-	-	-	8	0	0	4	0	0	2	2	0	2	9	10
A Friend,	-	-	-	50	0	0									
Do.	-	-	-	15	18	6									
Do.	-	-	-	14	18	6									
Do.	-	-	-	3	8	3									
Mr. Shield's Legacy,	-	-	-				5	8	4						
£.				727	16	8	362	17	8	273	4	4	226	5	5

ADDRESSES.

THE ADDRESS FROM THE IRISH TO THE BRITISH CONFERENCE.

Beloved Fathers and Brethren in the Lord,

AS you observe, we have studiously avoided the appearance of vain compliments, in our mutual Addresses : yet when *we*, on this side of the water, consider the comparatively short time of our having laboured in the vineyard of the Lord, we sink in our own eyes at your feet ; but viewing you as sinners saved by grace, like ourselves, and as men who feel themselves less than the least of all saints, we shun every thing bordering on adulation, while, from our hearts, we use the language of high esteem, which we know is quite compatible with sincerity.

Our growing union in the Lord, is, indeed, a source of great joy to us all ; because we are assured, that as long as the servants of God con-

tinue one in him, their way shall be clear, their arm shall be strong, and Zion, the beloved of the Lord, and joy of the whole earth, shall prosper. By this divine principle, which, at first, drew us together, and which hath made us intimately one in Christ, we desire to be governed at all times and in all places; and it is our earnest prayer to Almighty God, that it may wax stronger and stronger in *you* and in *us*, till all the enemies of the Lord are brought to bow down, and acknowledge the righteous sway of our Heavenly King.

We bless our Great Master, that a portion of this Spirit, in no small degree, prevails in our Conference; for though we search every matter that comes before us to the bottom, that whatever is opposite to God, may be banished from among us; our union thereby has not been injured: this appears from the affecting manner in which reproof, when necessary, is given, and the spirit of meekness in which it is received; but this, through mercy, is not often necessary, for which we cannot be sufficiently thankful.

On reviewing our labours during the past year, we see cause for humiliation and for joy.—For humiliation, that we have not been more hearty in the important service of so good a Master.—For joy, that he has deigned to make use of us, in any measure, to awaken and bring to the knowledge of the truth, our fellow-sinners.

Our Missionaries are still much honoured of the Lord ; and we trust that our mutual efforts in the cause of pure and undefiled religion, will be attended, more than ever, with the blessing of the Author and Finisher of our Faith.

With great pleasure, and with the utmost confidence, we renew our old request, for the return of the Rev. Dr. Coke to preside among us the ensuing year ; his presence is always desirable, as it greatly contributes to the harmony which subsists among us.

We are thankful that our loving and faithful brother Averell, is so acceptable to you ; and knowing the pure intention by which he is governed at all times, we unanimously appoint him this year also our Representative to the British Conference.

That the God of all grace and consolation may shower his blessings down upon you ; and that your prosperity, in which we very much rejoice, may abound more and more, is the prayer, dear Fathers and Brethren, of your affectionate Fellow-labourers in our Lord's vineyard.

Signed in behalf and by order of the
Conference,

WILLIAM FERGUSON, Secretary.

DUBLIN,
July 9, 1808. }

THE ADDRESS FROM THE BRITISH TO THE
IRISH CONFERENCE.

BRISTOL, August 1, 1808.

Very dear and greatly beloved Brethren,

AS "Iron sharpeneth iron, so a man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend." The happy effects of personal interviews among christians, and christian ministers, have been considered from the first spreading of the gospel, as blessings greatly to be prized. Where this privilege is denied, as in our present situation, it is a pleasing substitute, that by Letters and worthy Representatives we are enabled to express our truly affectionate regards for each other.

Viewed through such a medium, we consider the keeping open the intercourse between you and us as a point of real importance, calculated to be of great use to both parties. Prayer and thanksgiving are excited in our hearts by the discovery of our wants and of our blessings.— Thus your national situation, in various respects, has, for several years, claimed our tenderest sympathy, and has never been forgotten by us in our solemn addresses to the throne of grace. Yet have we greatly rejoiced on your behalf, having had such blessed proofs of the particular Providence of God, that has so often appeared

in the marvellous deliverances which you have experienced. This we consider, next to the conversion of sinners, as a special mark of your being a highly favoured part of God's peculiar people.

With this view of you, dear Brethren, we feel an unspeakable pleasure in the increasing evidence of our spiritual union with you. This is a union unknown to the world, and which, if we hold fast our profession, will be lasting.

We share in your joy on the success of your Missionaries, and earnestly intreat our most adorable God and Saviour, that their success may increase more and more, till sin shall be all destroyed, and "holiness to the Lord" be written on every inhabitant of the earth!

Among the very many causes for which we have to be thankful, we consider it not as one of the least, that, while infidel principles, and a cold indifference to christianity, are manifestly gaining ground, we observe an extraordinary attention has been paid by our Preachers in general to the internal evidence of our holy religion, preaching up the direct witness of the Spirit, as essentially necessary to the happiness and safety of every christian. With our usual and undissembled love, we cordially embrace your Representative, the Rev. Mr. Averell, as a brother whose praise is in all our churches, and whom, as we have for-

merly expressed ourselves, we always rejoice to see in our Conference.

We *most cheerfully comply* with your request for our highly esteemed friend, the Rev. Dr. Coke, to be your President, should the Lord spare you and him till another Conference.

That the God of all grace may prosper you in your holy calling, and keep you to the end, is the earnest prayer of,

Very dear and beloved Brethren,
Your truly affectionate Brethren.

Signed in behalf of the Conference,

JAMES WOOD, President.

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Signed in behalf of the Comptroller
JAMES WOOD, President

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